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THE FATAL FLAW IN MAYOR WILSON'S DEFENSE

MAYOR Wilson's campaign has been conducted with remarkable skill, under the generalship no doubt of Mr. King.

The defects, which are most grievous, of his administration have been carefully obscured, and some of the most offensive acts of the administration machine have been turned inside out, until at a little distance, they have the appearance of helpful and constructive accomplishment.

Nobody could give more emphasis to the advantages of good pavement, than Mr. King's young orators have done; and nobody could more consistently ignore the facts of the real nature of the attack upon these pavements than Mayor Wilson has done.

The pavements are good, but they cost some \$85,000 more than they should have cost, because the contracts were given to favored contractors, without bidding at a prosperity price.

In another respect the tactics of Mr. King's dual organization have amounted to genius.

Their onslaught on the newspapers has been masterly. Whipping three of them under the name of "newspaper trust" and other ingenious definitions, they have disposed of the Farmer, by calling it a Democratic newspaper, incorrigibly opposed to Mayor Wilson and his works, because it is a Democratic newspaper.

Unfortunately the mistakes, and the sins, conscious and unconscious, of Mr. King's mayor have been too grievous to be overlooked.

The defect in the defense is a failure to meet the charges of the opposition.

The mayor did promise a fifteen mill rate, and never gave it. He makes no explanation.

The mayor did promise to raise a debt, and raised it, but the results he promised have not come with the debt. The tax rate is no lower than it was, but higher, very, very much higher.

The charges of extravagance are unanswered. The brains behind Mayor Wilson are too shrewd to reply to the unanswerable.

The cost of operating the city has increased about \$700,000 annually.

The schools were robbed of half their revenue, after the people had voted against bonding for schools.

The sums so obtained were put into more Warrenite. The debt issued or about to be issued have increased by \$2,000,000.

The debt which the mayor would have issued, had he not been prevented by the referendum, is in the neighborhood of \$6,000,000.

There has been more profligacy and leakage in many tiny ways, which yet are exasperating to the public.

Mr. Courtade's unlettered Packard car; the city engineer's Ford; expensive dinners at Lehmann's, the Allyn House, and the hilltops of Wallingford, in the ultra swell Oakdale tavern are more offensive to many minds than large extravagance.

Many voters will overlook graft on a noble scale, who resent graft in a scale so tiny that its analogy is to sneak thieving rather than to burglary or highway robbery.

It is not enough to show a prejudice in the witnesses. Prejudice frequently leads witnesses to disclose facts they would not otherwise relate.

But the evidence is valuable as it is true or untrue. The question with the voters is not as to motives of the newspapers, but as to the truth of what the newspapers print.

The case of Mayor Wilson is weak to the breaking point because it is confined to denouncing the witnesses, while by silence admitting the grievous accusations contained in the evidence.

DO NOT OVERLOOK DESERVING CANDIDATES

THE candidates for mayor properly attract the bulk of attention in a municipal election. The office of mayor is important and deserves the larger share of the voter's scrutiny.

But the minor offices should not be overlooked, it is necessary to good government to have capable men in the subordinate places. The city clerk has important duties. The city treasurer should be a man of tried integrity, and experience in the handling of large sums of money.

The Democratic party offers for city clerk George M. Coughlin, once before the candidate of his party, who is well able to do the work, and who deserves the support of Democrats and independents. It offers John W. Grant, for treasurer. Mr. Grant has been actively connected with one of Bridgeport's great banking houses, and will make an ideal treasurer. John M. Donnelly is familiar with the duties of the collector and has served in the office, in a manner satisfactory to all who had business with it. In William L. Zepp, the party has nominated a popular man, for town clerk, who is qualified for the work.

There are in this election more than the usual number of rumors that the vote will be divided more than in the past. With four tickets in the field, it is not unnatural there should be more cutting than usual.

The Farmer expresses the hope that if any Democrats intend to vote a split ballot, it will be a thoughtful ballot, and that deserving candidates will not be overlooked in the process.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

THE elector will have a care to the choice of members of the Board of Education. This is a non partisan body, in which experience, knowledge and ability are the chief requirements for membership.

In its nominations of Attorney John J. Cullinan and James L. Sullivan, the Democratic party offers good candidates.

Mr. Cullinan has seen much service on the board, is himself a college bred man, and a trained educator, who is an advocate of progress in the public school system. His services should be retained for the benefit of the public, regardless of party politics.

State Department officials denied a report that America's protest to Turkey against the Armenian massacres had been answered.

The text of Austria's second note to the United States on munitions exports to the Allies was received at the State Department.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For Mayor
DANIEL E. WALKERCity Clerk
GEORGE M. COUGHLINTown Clerk
WILLIAM L. ZEPPCollector
JOHN M. DONNELLYCity Treasurer
JOHN W. GRANTBoard of Education
JOHN J. CULLINAN
JAMES L. SULLIVANCity Sheriffs
CHARLES B. MARA
THOMAS LOVELY
JOHN J. DOYLESelectmen
JAMES P. GRIFFIN
HUGH CAMPBELL
GEORGE BUCZKO

Centenary of America's

First Landscape Gardner

While the name of Andrew Jackson Downing is well known to all but a few, the centenary of his birth today will not pass without notice, for all horticulturists and landscape gardeners honor his memory as the pioneer of rural art in America. Every beautiful park and magnificent country estate in North America is in a sense a memorial to Downing, for it was he who first implanted in American hearts a love for the development of the beautiful in nature and in rural life.

Andrew Jackson Downing was born in Newburgh, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1815, the son of a nurseryman. From an early age his tastes were directed to horticulture, botany, and the natural sciences. At that time the art of landscape gardening was almost unknown in the New World. Rural architecture was of the simplest and crudest type, and based almost solely on utility. Along the Hudson, the Delaware and the St. Lawrence there were a few country estates whose owners had adapted a European idea of architecture and landscape gardening to their houses and grounds, but these were few and far between. Even New England, with all its inherited culture, had little to boast of in the way of country places.

Downing was educated in an academy in the town of Montgomery, where he left school at the age of sixteen, to assist an elder brother who had succeeded his father in the conduct of the nursery business. In the intervals of labor the boy read every available work on landscape gardening, botany and the culture of trees, shrubs, flowers and fruits. With his mind well-stored with theoretical knowledge the nursery business gave him opportunities to put his ideas into practice, and he made valuable suggestions to the owners of neighboring estates along the Hudson.

At twenty-three he married, and began the erection of a small but beautiful home which, with its carefully arranged grounds, afforded the first practical illustration of a typically American conception of an American rural home. In 1841 he published his "Treatise on the Theory and Practice of Landscape Gardening," the first work of its kind printed in America. The author's correct ideas of taste, wide information, and full appreciation of the conditions of rural architecture in the New World, gave the book the position of a standard authority. In England Downing's work won the highest commendation. Later he published his "Cottage Art," and in 1845 he issued a volume on "Fruits and Fruit Trees in America."

This was followed by "Architecture for Country Houses," and several other volumes, all of which were recognized as authoritative. He was elected to membership in all the leading horticultural societies of Europe by the leaders of his profession, and afforded every opportunity to study the great country seats of Great Britain. On his return to America he was employed by President Fillmore to lay out the grounds in the city of Washington, in the vicinity of the Capitol, the White House and the Smithsonian Institute.

It was while he was in the midst of these labors that Downing's came to a tragic end. He was a passenger on board the steamship Henry Clay, bound from Newburgh to New York, when the boat which had been racing with a rival craft, was discovered to be on fire. It was then off to New York, and the boat was steered for the shore near the head of the harbor. Downing was one of those. When last seen he was struggling in the water, with several others clinging to him. His body was subsequently recovered and buried at Newburgh.

Gaylord Loses His \$6,000 Damage Suit

In the action of Jared E. Gaylord of this city against the city of Bridgeport, the court found in favor of the city. Gaylord asked for \$6,000, claiming the value of his property was decreased when the city extended Denver avenue through his property. Gaylord appealed to the superior court from the decision of the Board of Appraisal, which found he had received equal benefits and damages.

In the suit of Harry D. Miller against the Blue Ribbon Auto & Carriage Co., the Bridgeport Vehicle Co., and James W. Horton, the court granted Miller a foreclosure at the same time allowing the defendants until the first Tuesday in December to redeem. Miller, as trustee for N. V. G. Strong, claimed to hold a \$4,800 note which was unpaid.

Judge Case found for the First National Bank of Peru, Inc., in a suit against the Fairfield Auto Co. and Harry D. Gates of this city. The action was brought to recover on a note for \$2,495.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word

ALDERMEN

First District
JAMES HUDDYSecond District
JOHN J. FORDThird District
JOHN B. CALLAHANFourth District
THOMAS C. CARROLLFifth District
THOMAS H. FLYNNSixth District
THOMAS M. McNAMARASeventh District
DANIEL E. BRENNANEighth District
JOHN A. CORNELL, Jr.Ninth District
FREDERICK MARTINTenth District
JOHN J. SCULLYEleventh District
JAMES M. WILLIAMSTwelfth District
DANIEL J. CONNORS

LAVERY NAMES CHAIRMEN FOR 12 DISTRICTS

Conference of Appointees Is Called For Tomorrow Afternoon at 2.

Announcement was made by Town Chairman Hugh Lavery today of the appointment of district chairmen for the Democratic party as follows: First District—William Clifford. Second District—Thomas E. Ward. Third District—William Allen. Fourth District—Frank J. Clancy. Fifth District—Edward F. Lynch. Sixth District—Henry J. Clappott. Seventh District—Thomas Lovely. Eighth District—Michael Husey. Ninth District—Edward Dunphy. Tenth District—Frank J. Hearn. Eleventh District—James Williams. Twelfth District—William H. Callan.

The district chairmen will meet in Chairman Lavery's office in the Newfield building on Sunday, at 2 o'clock.

OUR NEWTOWN NEWS LETTER

(Special to The Farmer.) Newtown, Oct. 29.—A special meeting of the Newtown Cemetery association was held yesterday afternoon at their rooms in the Savings Bank. Appropriate resolutions upon the death of their late associate officer, Austin B. Blakeman, were adopted and recorded in the minute-book of the association.

Thomas McCabe of Redlands, Cal., who is an extensive grower of oranges, is East for an extended vacation. He is at present a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnson, but will visit North Haven, his former home town, which he left 25 years ago for the Pacific coast where he has prospered.

Travers Briscoe, a sportsman friend, both of Norwich, Conn., are enjoying this week a hunting trip in Great Quarters and Jeremy Lande sections of the town. They are domiciled while here at the ancestral Briscoe homestead, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown, the tenants of the estate.

T. J. Maloney and sister, Miss Nellie Maloney, motored to Hartford and Springfield, Wednesday.

There was a special meeting of the school board Wednesday afternoon. The high school rooms have been equipped with fire extinguishers.

The new building of the Dodgeville Fire company is nearing completion, and the members are making arrangements for a house-warming soon.

Michael J. Lynch, who purchased the Lawrence Little farm at the Tunnel last spring, is seriously ill and is being cared for at the home of Mrs. McCarthy of Walnut Tree Hill district.

Mrs. Margaret Egan moved Thursday from the J. Roche residence near Newtown station to her lately purchased bungalow on West street, Sandy Hook.

Arthur W. Fairchild, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fairchild of Taunton, was operated on for appendicitis at a Providence hospital this week and is reported as recovered. He is a student at Brown University.

S. N. Daniels of Hawleyville, who was visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. E. Mygatt of Plainfield, N. J., has returned his home with Mrs. William Hawley.

Tashua and Long Hill

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kohler and daughter Alice spent Sunday in Tashua as guests of Mrs. Kate Kohler. Miss Florence Clark has resigned her position at the home of Mrs. C. B. Cutter, and is now staying with her parents in Zoar.

Rev. L. Robert Sheffield was a visitor at the Tashua school Thursday. Miss Gertrude Bradley and sister, Miss Mary Bradley, of Newtown, were entertained Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lynch.

The Men's club of the Methodist church gave a clam chowder supper Friday evening. All are invited to attend and to come and see for themselves how well the men can serve the supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Watts and son Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. John Butcher and Mr. and Mrs. Erdman of Bridgeport were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kohler.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Keith and son of Bridgeport have recently visited at the home of Mrs. Ella Case.

A masquerade ball was held at Cut-

ter's hall Wednesday evening. The committee in charge were John Berger of Long Hill and John Burgess of Bridgeport.

Stephen Burroughs of Long Hill has recently purchased three car loads of older apples from New York state which are being carted to his mill by Albert Helmich and Clifford Cole.

Miss Theresa Lynch will spend the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lynch of Zoar.

Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Van Horn of Middle Island, Long Island, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Randall.

Samuel Postol of Newtown was fined \$5 and costs by Justice William Randall Thursday. Postol ran into Mrs. Goldstein of Long Hill street, injuring her so she had to be taken to the Bridgeport hospital. Mr. Bumstein, a passenger in the jitney, received a broken wrist.

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STRATFORD FOLKS' PROTEST BRINGS PROMPT RESULTS

Bruce and Hollister Avenue Residents Have Streets Repaired.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Stratford, Oct. 30.—Residents and taxpayers of Bruce avenue and Hollister street, determined to have their streets repaired, have been successful. For some time many complaints have been lodged with the selectmen regarding the condition of Bruce avenue, especially under the railroad viaduct during wet weather. The town some time ago voted to appropriate money to lay a pavement under the viaduct. Last week Selectman Fred W. Nettleton had his gang of men excavating under the dirt preparatory to the laying of the pavement.

Certain sections of Hollister street and upper Bruce avenue are in great need of repair and the residents thought that the dirt taken from under the viaduct could be used most advantageously to fill in the ruts and holes. Selectman Nettleton thought otherwise and the filling was carted to the yard of Joseph Monahan for private use. The taxpayers hearing this became much incensed and waited on the selectmen. Hot words ensued. The next day the men were seen filling in the depressions in the different streets.

Harold C. Lovell & Co., plumbers, have been awarded the contract of installing 48 furnaces in the 24 new two-tenement houses which are being erected by the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. on East street, Bridgeport. When these houses are completed they will be rented to the employees of the concern.

More than \$100 was realized at the annual rummage sale of the Stratford Women's Suffrage Association held yesterday at the town hall. The sale was in charge of Mrs. Charles Lovell, assisted by Mrs. Frank Sammis, Miss Edna Sammis, Mrs. George J. Richardson, Miss Emma Allen and Mrs. J. Richardson.

At St. James' Roman Catholic church Sunday masses will be celebrated at 8:30 and 10:30 o'clock. Vesper service at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Rev. Michael J. O'Connor, the pastor, will officiate at all the services.

Sunday morning Rev. Ernest C. Carpenter, the pastor, will exchange pulpits with Rev. D. M. Lewis of the Newfield Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Carpenter will preach in the evening. The fourth of the sermons on "Following Christ." Young people especially are invited to attend. George Barbour will preach Monday night at the chapel at Hollister Heights.

Rev. Frank S. Fitch of Buffalo will preach at the Congregational church tomorrow morning. He was pastor of the church from 1873 to 1878 and is remembered by many who were received by him in the church and who worked with him. An illustrated lecture will be given in the evening upon Buddhism, the religion of one-third of the human race. The lecture was prepared by Secretary Patton of the American Board, and will be interesting and instructive.

The Rev. A. M. Bazzett will preach in Bethany church on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The session of the Sunday school will be held at the close of the morning service, to attend which all are invited to remain. The Young People's meeting will be held at 6:45, followed by preaching by the pastor at 7:30 o'clock.

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There are hats of metal lace crowned with roses, brushes.

High crowned hats of gold run lace trimmed with Ermine tails, and flowers.

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Second floor.

By the way, have you seen

"La Danseuse" in the window just south of the Main St. entrance? From the top of her pretty head which is crowned with a dancing cap of gold net, to the tips of her brocade slippers is she not "tout a fait bien mise?"

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A GREAT FOOTBALL PLAY

Of all the strange and spectacular football plays ever pulled off, that of a crafty and wily injury in a Harvard-Cardinal game a dozen years ago, Oct. 21, 1903, probably takes the prize. At the beginning of the second half the redskins had a 5-0 lead. Harvard started the action by a long kick to Johnson on the Indian team's five yard line. Johnson immediately became the center of a mass of struggling aborigines. Suddenly they separated and scattered in all directions. Dillon running straight down the field holding both arms up so the Crimson players could see that he did not have the ball. The Harvard men were dumfounded and gave a good imitation of a bunch of beheaded chickens while they searched vainly for the ball with the eye. Dillon passed straight through the "Crimson bunch" until he confronted Capt. Carl Marshall, of the Crimson, who was covering deep backfield. Marshall sidestepped, but as he did so he observed a big bulge in the Indian's back. Suspicion turned to certainty in Marshall's mind in the fraction of a second, but it was too late. Dillon had made a full field run from kickoff to touchdown without opposition. Dillon's jersey had been constructed with this end in view, and the whole play had been carefully planned in advance, and worked out exactly according to schedule. Redskin craft had proved superior to paleface strategy.

In the Matter of the General Assignment of American Typewriter Company for the benefit of creditors.

Please take notice that the undersigned will sell at public auction at the place of business of the American Typewriter Company, corner Howard and Railroad Avenues, Bridgeport, Conn., on November 13th, 1915, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following property:

One Drill Machine, one Lathe Machine, one Engine Lathe Machine, one Grinder, one Oil Separator, one Foot Press, Special Tools and Parts for manufacturing Typewriters, three Center Shafts, several Typewriters, two Scales, 36 Leather, Leatherette and Metal Cases, Benches, Chairs, etc.

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The Pennsylvania Railroad placed with various companies an order for 175,000 tons of steel-rails.

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